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Latvian Intelligence Contacts

I. SWEDEN

A. SIS

Almost all successful or unsuccessful Latvian operations based on Sweden appear to have been under SIS/TEPPERS control. Section A on the SIS in Sweden has been subdivided as follows: 1) TEPPERS and his coworkers in operational planning, 2) TEPPERS' operational contacts, and 3) miscellaneous Latvian SIS contacts not directly connected with TEPPERS so far as we know.

1) General Verner TEPPERS

In contact with SIS since 1943 according to his own statement. In summer 1948 signed agreement with SIS giving him control over all operations using Latvians from Sweden. His main associates in operational planning have been the following:

a. Aldona TEPPERS, nee CAKSTE, TEPPERS' wife and sister of LCP politician Mintauts CAKSTE, daughter of former president of Latvia.

b. Karlis ZIVERTS, Latvian Pastor, member of TEPPERS' Latvian Assistance Committee in 1945, has since then remained in contact with TEPPERS on intelligence matters according to TEPPERS' own statement.

c. Valdemars GINTERS. Worked with TEPPERS during World War II on evacuation of Latvians from Latvia, broke with TEPPERS and LCP on arrival in Sweden at end of war, again became associated with him in operations in summer of 1948. According to TEPPERS GINTERS lost interest in 1951 and has since then had no operational contact with him or with the SIS.

d. Valdemars SALNAJS, former Latvian ambassador to Sweden, associated with TEPPERS in intelligence since 1945 or before until his death in 1948.

2) Operational Contacts of TEPPERS

a. Spring 1948 was approached by V. GINTERS for aid to following group then planning operation: H. GINTERS, J. LUKINS, F. LAUNAGS, K. BACHS, A. BROMBERGS. Refused assistance.

b. Requested LAUNAGS to join ^{TEPPERS'} group in July 1948. Obtained from him general biographies on George PUNENNOVS, Janis GULBITIS and Janis JANKAVS. In late 1948 LAUNAGS volunteered to return to Latvia and began training with SIS in January 1949.

c. Recruited Janis ORUNIS for inclusion in operation planned for late summer 1950 by Lt. Karlis VILKANKIS and Peter and Janis ROBESNIEKS. Operation did not take place.

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d. Recruited and trained Peters KARKLINS for TILESTONE B but did not dispatch him.

e. Used Mrs. Elise LEJINS as radio contact during WW II.

3) Miscellaneous SIS contacts not directly associated with TEPFERS so far as is known:

a. Bruno Janis SAULITIS

Former first lieutenant in Wehrmacht, made 5 parachute jumps for Germans behind Russian lines, returned to Latvia in 1944, ex-filtrated later in 1944, may have made later trip. In 1949 was member of RMB associated with Major RAVITSCH, Captain RUSATS, V. GINTERS, F. LAUNAGS, as well as the SIS, and in Germany with LAMBERGS and A. ENDZINS. In 1950 planned operation returning to Latvia with Hans Joachim VON GERLACH, German national, former AF pilot, working in ASEA Factory in Vasteras. SIS now using addresses and passwords in VALDEMAR contact including some on list given by SAULITIS to V. LAMBERGS in 1950.

b. Major RAVITSCH, Pole, said to be head of RMB group working with SIS and consisting of one representative from each Baltic country and Poland.

c. Lt. Karlis VILKANKIS

See SAULITIS (above.) Suspected by F. LAUNAGS of being in contact with SIS independent of TEPFERS or V. GINTERS.

d. Grigorijs KIKULIS

Head of CE Section of Latvian General Staff until 1939. Subsequently MA to Sweden from Latvia. Served in Swedish Defense Ministry as CE expert during World War II. Believed by some to have had RIS connections during this time. May have been radio contact for Mrs. LEJINS in Sweden during WW II. Believed by LAUNAGS to be main authority in TEPFERS/VALDIK/ZILINSKAS committee. According to VALDIK, TEPFERS suspects he works for the SIS independently outside of the TEPFERS/SIS agreement.

According to LAUNAGS, the SIS used the following training personnel in preparing candidates for TILESTONE BAKER:

JAMBOR encoding and decoding instructor
SIMANSON tradecraft instructor
Captain ANDREASSON, OB and weapons instructor, in charge of all training.

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B. BIS

- 1) TEPPERS in contact since 1936. LAUNAGS believes V. SALNAJS served as TEPPERS BIS contact until his death in 1948.
- 2) Major RAVITSCH, RMB head
- 3) V. GINTERS. According to statement to LAUNAGS ^{by} GINTERS ^{he} was in BIS contact without SIS knowledge along with TEPPERS in 1948.
- 4) Leonids SILINS, in BIS contact in 1946
- 5) F. LAUNAGS, contacted in 1950 by BIS George KILGOUR and Major HILLMANS. KILGOUR requested and received from LAUNAGS codes and ciphers for one of LAUNAGS' two contact plans with VALDEMAR and agreed to turn over any letters received from VALDEMAR for s/w tests.
- 5) LUKINS believes the support he received from ROESER in 1946 was actually from the BIS not the FIS (See FIS.)

C. FIS

- 1) J. LUKINS obtained financial support for his 1946 operation from Frederick Georges ROESER, a Frenchman reported to have made almost daily trips to the office of the French NA in Stockholm in 1946. As it was later ascertained that Captain Frederic GOGWELL, assistant French NA in Stockholm had been buying rubles daily in 1946 at above the normal rate, the SIS concluded that LUKINS operation was backed by the FIS although LUKINS stated he believed the BIS was behind ROESER. LUKINS 1946 group consisted of the following: LUKINS, ARINS LAUNAGS, SKOBE, ROBEZGRUNDNIEKS, TOMPSONS, PONZAVS, KONRADS, JUREVICS. LUKINS 1948 group consisted of H. GINTERS, LAUNAGS, BACHS, BROMBERGS.
- 2) LAUNAGS believes Estra ALBERINGS, daughter of the former Latvian Minister of Agriculture and mistress of ROBEZGRUNDNIEKS may be in contact with the FIS. She recently contacted SILDE in Germany.

D. AIS

- 1) TEPPERS. In AIS contact since about 1949. Usually in indirect contact through Captain VALDIN. Has obtained covert support from AIS, agreed to recruit Latvians in Sweden for AIS, has expressed dissatisfaction with SIS.
- 2) TIBETAN/10 (Identity unknown)
- 3) TINWARE, Latvian journalist, (Identity unknown)

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4) V. GINTERS, contacted by Stockholm station February 1951; still in contact.

5) J. LUKINS, debriefed by Stockholm station ca 1950. Claimed in 1948 to have contact with AIS through NA in American Embassy. Contact apparently actually limited to employment of LUKINS' ex-radio operator Janis DAIGA along with Boris MANGOLDS in Soviet broadcast monitoring. (See Alexander OZOLINS)

6) Hugo GINTERS, claimed to have AIS contact in 1945 and 1948. In 1950 contacted Stockholm Station and Bremerhaven re VALDEMAR.

7) F. LAUNAGS, first contacted by AIS summer 1950.

8) K. BACHS, first contacted by AIS 1950.

9) A. BROMBERGS, *ibid.*

10) Alexander OZOLINS, attempted to obtain AIS support for an operation during 1946 involving the following persons: A. OZOLINS, Leonids SILINS, Zanis EPNERS, V. GRINS, A. MUCH, Zinturs NIGALS, Boris MANGOLDS, Laimons PURMALIS, Bruno JAUNBALSEJS, Zanis ANDERSONS, Armins KREBBS, Zanis TOMSONS, Edvins OZOLINS, Robert SLOGS, Janis DAIGA, Janis VITOLS, Lt. Robert SEBRIS. The operation was unsuccessful. The only operational support given it by the AIS was to Boris MANGOLDS and Janis DAIGA (MANGOLDS' brother in law) who were hired by the U.S. Embassy to monitor broadcasts from Soviet ships until December 1947. MANGOLDS then worked for the Swedes, emigrating to the U.S. with all his material in 1948.

11) Boris MANGOLDS, Janis DAIGA (see above)

12) Bruno KALNINS, contacted summer 1951; interested in clandestine propaganda in Latvia, claims able to deliver his Latvian Social Democratic Bulletin irregularly to Latvia through seamen docking at G8teborg.

E. GIS

1) Arnolds SALNAJS, ABWEHR instructor during WW. II specialising in radio and air dispatch.

2) Bruno Janis SAULITIS, performed special missions for Germans behind Soviet lines in Latvia under Major STRAUCH and Captain KNOCH of 225th Infantry Division.

F. Danish IS

1) LAUNAGS contacted by Captain HVID of Danish IS in 1950.

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HVID requested LAUNAGS' assistance in loca'ing agents for dispatch to Latvia, offering 400 kr. monthly for recruits while in training and additional compensations while on missions. Claimed Danes had specially built speed boat (120,000 kr.) and training school for qualified recruits.

HVID is a Danish naval captain, used to live in Riga. In summer of 1951 he was reported to be planning a trip to the U.S.

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II. ENGLAND

A. BIS

- 1) ZARINS, Ambassador to London.
- 2) RUCELIS, Lt. Col., former Latvian AF member, worked for BIS in 1950, uses pseudonym "Krauja."
- 3) BULLE, Lt. Col. Adolf, believed by LAUNAGS and BACHS to be working for BIS.
- 4) KAGNUS, Lt. Col. fmu, believed by LAUNAGS and BACHS to be working for BIS.
- 5) Elmar SKOBE, formerly associated with F. LAUNAGS in Sweden, emigrated to England in 1946 after unsuccessful LUKINS operation, revealed BIS contact to LAUNAGS in 1948. Still in BIS contact in July 1949. Now in Canada.
- 6) Major A. AMERIKS, orderly in Aronside Hospital, Everham, Worcestershire, England. According to A. ENDZINS, AMERIKS worked for BIS but quit over policy disagreement.
- 7) Peters MARTINSONS, being traced by BIS through RUCELIS in early 1950 in Germany. Said to have been U.S. agent in Latvia during WW II through 1943.

B. AIS

- 1) Approach to U.S. Embassy made spring 1952 by Latvian who formerly worked for BIS. Identity, details withheld from Mund by HQ.
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III. GERMANY

A. BIS

Colonel Vilis JANUMS, head Daugavas Vanagi and Ex-Com LCP, may be in BIS contact. Makes frequent trips to England, participated in military committee in which ANDERS and Colonel REBANE (both said to be working for BIS) are members, sent three DV representatives to LAK in England: ABAUKS, SPRUDS, and SKUJEVICS. Impossible to determine whether British contacts political only or also intelligence.

Valdemars ALPS, rumored to have worked for BIS in Germany prior to emigration to U.S. in December 1951. According to ALPS own statement although approached by BIS in 46, 47, and 48, worked for British only as telephone operator in interrogation center for a few months in 1949.

Vilhelms FRIDBERGS, Latvian. Black marketeer, dropped by BIS 49/50.

Following Latvians collected info. on Ger. political activities: EDWARDS, Brit. education officer; W. ENDZINS, DYURA, BESKAUSKAS, VISNEVSKIS (Canda 48.) Not paid. June-July 48.

KUNKIS and DYURA involved BIS project to send agents to Latvia through HAMM, Englishman in Aachen. No pay offered. HAMM told DYURA he could be infiltrated to Riga as a sailor, English firm member, or by land sea or air. Summer 49. No results.

B. SIS

(Nothing known.)

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C. FIS

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Juris SPADE, nephew of Admiral SPADE, believed to be working for FIS in Baden, Baden French Zone or in Paris. ~~Believed to be working for FIS in Baden, Baden French Zone or in Paris.~~
Georg ODINS ~~xxxx~~ believes his work is limited to extracting information from newspapers.

Estra ALBERINGS, daughter of former Minister of Agriculture of Latvia, educated in France, mistress of E. ROBEZGRUNDNIKS, believed by LAUNAGS to be in contact with FIS. Recently contacted SILDE in Germany.

D. AIS

Alberts Laimonis HOLMS, hired in Argentina 1950, left abruptly for Germany, no recontact.

VISGAUSS, CIC agent, joined U.S. Army spring 52.

ALPS, Valdemars, worked for DDD, U.S. Constabulary, S-2

LAMBERGS, Valdemars, worked for CIC, Manpower Analysis Unit, Munich Military Police, S-2, and was in contact with BELVEDERE 6 and BERI-BERI.

Note: Both ALPS and LAMBERGS are of interest because of their connections with SAULITIS and attempts to start an operation in 1948/49. The sponsorship for the operation was never determined, but may have been one of the miscellaneous American intelligence organizations connected with ALPS or LAMBERGS during 48/49. For this reason their contacts are listed below:

ALPS- Sweden: LURINS, PURINS, TEIDEMANIS, KIKULIS, KRODERS,
KALNINS, R. GINTERS, SAULITIS
Germany: ENDZINS, R. LIEPINS, Col. SKAISTLAUKS, V. MATUZELS,
A. TRAPANS, V. LAMBERGS, JANUMS, KOVALEVSKIS

LAMBERGS- Sweden: KIKULIS, Capt. RUSATS, SAULITIS, VACZEMNIEKS
Germany: Major RAVITSCH, Col. LAUNICS, Col. RUDZITIS
Germany: A. ABOLINS, A. NEPARTS, V. BUMBERS, Peteris
BALUMA IS, V. BASTJANIS
U.S.: MASENS (NCPE), KALME, Capt. John PETERSEN

KULIKOVSKIS, George Gaston, worked for German IS in Latvia during war, for OSS/SSU after end of war.

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E. GIS

1) Present Contacts of ZIPPER

JORDAN, Georg Gustav, instructor for Latvian agents

KROEGER, Ernst, assistant instructor for Latvian agents

TUKKUMS, Adolfs, assistant instructor for Latvian agents.

JANUMS, Col. VILIS, contact planned by ZIPPER; possibly established

SILDE, Adolf, Ibid.

ANCANS, Roberts, contacted by ZIPPER summer 1951; dropped Oct. 51

2) Miscellaneous post-war contacts:

CEIMS, Janis- contacted by Lt. SCHUBERT former member Combat Unit 212
after WW II. CEIMS is head LCP.

ENDZINS, A. - contacted by SCHUBERT after WW II.

JANUMS, Col. Vilis in contact SCHACHT & FROELICH working for Minister
of Defense, BLANK.

KOBALIEVSKIS, Pauls Ibid.

MILRUDS, Alexei Ibid.

3) Wartime contacts

BONG, Otto

ENDZINS, AA. (?)

JORDAN, Georg Gustav

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Lats. Used by GIS WW II

ALPS, V. Abt. I Koenigsburg, Abt. I. Leningrad; escaped Germany 44, now in U.S.

ADAMSONS, fnu naval reconnaissance, Riga Sept 44

BERZINS, V. dropped 1 Nov. 48, former Gestapo agent, now Stoc.

~~BRIEDIS~~, Karlis FAK 166M, trained w/t op., born 1923

KRACEJS, Janis @ CELMINS, Janis, FAK 166 M, observer, agent, born 1913, in Germany in 1946

LISSNER, Dr. Ivar Nikolaj, Latvian born Riga 1909, naturalised as German citizen 1928, citizenship restored 1943, sentenced in Shanghai for espionage against Germany & Japan while working for Abwehr in Harbin, in Germany in 1945.

RIKARDS, fnu Sondergruppe R, Riga

SKRAUTINS @ KARKLINS, FAK 166 M agent, in Germany 1946

VECMANIS @ VELDRE FAK 166 M born 1919, chief agent, instructor military matters, ~~NEWX~~

VITOLINS @ KARKLINS FAK 166 M. b. 1914. Agent, observer.

BRACS, Julijs Now in Hannover/Stocken, ABN rep and head local Lat.-Lit. Committee. German collaborator

BIRZGALE, Dzilda Leader 4-B clubs Germany. Parachuted for Germans.

SVEILE, Maija Oakland, Calif. Parachuted for Germans.

JENIEVICS CE, Lat Gen- al Staff & Heeresgruppe Nord. Now in Germany.

GULANS, Janis Kaiserslautern LSC. Parachuted for Germans.

~~SALMAIS, Arnolds~~ radio expert for Germans. now in Sweden.

KULIKOVSKIS, Georg Gaston : KUZNETZOFF, Pavel, @ MIKHAILOVITSCH, Pavel Gustav 11 sabotage missions for GIS behind Russian lines; fluent Russian; employed by OSS/SSU after WW II.

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The FIS

The FIS's main Lithuanian contact after World War II was and still is BACKIS of VLIK. FIS was also in contact with SIDZIKAIUSKAS (through BACKIS, SCUSTELLE of the De Gaulle Movement and Foreign Minister BIDAULT) and with KRUPAVICIUS, both from 1947 to at least 1949. Through BACKIS, SIDZIKAIUSKAS arranged the transfer of two Lithuanian couriers to the FIS in 1947 (Jonas KUKAIUSKAS-KUKIS and Jonas KUPSTAS) and also turned over SKRAJUNAS in 1948. The latter was accomplished in accordance with an SIS/FIS agreement made after the postponement of TILSTONE ABLE (scheduled for Spring 48 and dispatched Fall 48.) According to the agreement, the FIS was to infiltrate SKRAJUNAS by plane. DEKSNYS was in contact with the FIS directly in arranging this transfer, as well as with BACKIS. SKRAJUNAS continued to keep in touch with the VLIK courier in Warsaw after his transfer to Germany with the other two couriers.

Juris SPADE, nephew of Admiral SPADE, works with FIS according to two sources. According to one source his work is limited to interviews and scanning newspapers. SPADE attended war college in France before WW II. Now located in either Baden-Baden or Paris (P.T.T. Bureau 78, 19 Rue Montevideo, Paris 16e.)

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Currently employed by GIS (ZIPPER)

TUKKUMS, Adolf recruited 9/8/51. agent for penetration op.
JORDAN, Georg Gustav recruited 12/11/51, asst instructor Lat ops.
KROEGER, Ernst Alexander Rehired spring 53 as asst instructor
Lat ops. Int. experience I with
OKW and RSHA Amt VI, Zipper agent till
July 48 when dropped for lack of ac-
tivity in his field.

Current contacts GIS (alleged):

SHILDE, LCP member
JANUMS, Col. D.V. President, Chairman LCP board.
ENDZINS, A., DV, ABN member

Contacts Bonn Ministry of Defense:

JANUMS
ALPS, V.
KOVALEVSKIS, Pavels

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